

IN THE CLAIMS

Please amend the claims as follows:

Claim 1 (Currently Amended): A digital camera apparatus, comprising:

a recorder which records a plurality of informative data of items, as an information file, to be used in classifying and arranging image data;

a microphone which inputs voices;

a voice decipher which deciphers a content of expression made by said voices picked up through the microphone;

an item informative data extractor which extracts at least one of the plurality of the informative data of the items, analogous to the deciphered content of the expression, from the information file; and

an item informative data recorder which associates the at least one of the plurality of the informative data of the items extracted by the extractor with the image data, and which records the associated at least one of the plurality of the informative data of the items;

an item informative datum decisively determining unit which fixedly determines the at least one of the plurality of the informative data of the items extracted by the extractor; and

an item informative data selecting unit,

wherein said item information data recorder records the at least one of the plurality of the informative data of the items decisively determined by the item information datum fixedly determining unit, and

wherein when said item informative data extractor extracts the plurality of the informative data of the items, the item informative datum selecting unit selects one of the plurality of the informative data of the items to be decisively determined by the item informative datum decisively determining unit.

Claim 2 (Cancelled).

Claim 3 (Previously Presented): The digital camera apparatus set forth in claim 2, wherein said item informative datum decisively determining unit comprises a release button of the digital camera apparatus, and the at least one of the plurality of the informative data of the items is decisively determined by pressing down the release button.

Claim 4 (Cancelled).

Claim 5 (Previously Presented): The digital camera apparatus set forth in claim 3, further comprising an item informative data selecting unit, wherein when said item informative extractor extracts the plurality of the informative data of the items, the item informative datum selecting unit selects one of the plurality of the informative data of the items to be decisively determined by the item informative datum decisively determining unit.

Claim 6 (Currently Amended): The digital camera apparatus set forth in claim [[4]] 1, wherein said item informative datum selecting unit selects one of the plurality of the informative data of the items based on the content of the expression of the voices deciphered by said voice decipher.

Claim 7 (Previously Presented): The digital camera apparatus set forth in claim 5, wherein said item informative datum selecting unit selects one of the plurality of the informative data of the items based on the content of the expression of the voices deciphered by said voice decipher.

Claim 8 (Previously Presented): The digital camera apparatus set forth in claim 1, further comprising a voice inputting controller which effects on/off control of inputting of the voices with said microphone, and said voice inputting controller controls said on/off control of the inputting of the voices in conjunction with turning on/off operation of a specific key.

Claim 9 (Cancelled).

Claim 10 (Previously Presented): The digital camera apparatus set forth in claim 3, further comprising a voice inputting controller which effects on/off control of inputting of the voices with said microphone, and said voice inputting controller controls said on/off control of the inputting of the voices in conjunction with turning on/off operation of a specific key.

Claim 11 (Cancelled).

Claim 12 (Previously Presented): The digital camera apparatus set forth in claim 5, further comprising a voice inputting controller which effects on/off control of inputting of the voices with said microphone, and said voice inputting controller controls said on/off control of the inputting of the voices in conjunction with turning on/off operation of a specific key.

Claim 13 (Previously Presented): The digital camera apparatus set forth in claim 6, further comprising a voice inputting controller which effects on/off control of inputting of the voices with said microphone, and said voice inputting controller controls said on/off control of the inputting of the voices in conjunction with turning on/off operation of a specific key.

Claim 14 (Previously Presented): The digital camera apparatus set forth in claim 7, further comprising a voice inputting controller which effects on/off control of inputting of the voices with said microphone, and said voice inputting controller controls said on/off control of the inputting of the voices in conjunction with turning on/off operation of a specific key.

Claim 15 (Currently Amended): A digital camera apparatus, comprising:

a recorder which records a plurality of informative data of items, as an information file, to be used in classifying and arranging image data;

a microphone which inputs voices;

an inputting unit which orders instructions; and

a controller, based on instructions from said inputting unit, configured to decipher a content of expression made by said voices picked up through the microphone, configured to extract at least one of the plurality of the informative data of the items, analogous to the deciphered content of the expression from the information file, configured to associate the at least one of the plurality of the informative data of the items extracted by the extractor with the image data, and configured to record the associated at least one of the plurality of the informative data of the items,

wherein said inputting unit further comprises an item informative datum decisively determining unit which fixedly determines the at least one of the plurality of the informative data of the items extracted, and wherein said recorder records the at least one of the plurality of the informative data of the items decisively determined by the item information datum fixedly determining unit, and

wherein said inputting unit further comprises an item informative data selecting unit, and wherein when the plurality of the informative data of the items is extracted, the item

informative datum selecting unit one of the plurality of the informative data of the items to be decisively determined by the item informative datum decisively determining unit.

Claim 16 (Cancelled).

Claim 17 (Currently Amended): The digital camera apparatus set forth in claim [[16]] 15, wherein said item informative datum decisively determining unit comprises a release button of the digital camera apparatus, and the at least one of the plurality of the informative data of the items is decisively determined by pressing down the release button.

Claim 18 (Cancelled).

Claim 19 (Previously Presented): The digital camera apparatus set forth in claim 17, wherein said inputting unit further comprises an item informative data selecting unit, and wherein when the plurality of the informative data of the items is extracted, the item informative datum selecting unit one of the plurality of the informative data of the items to be decisively determined by the item informative datum decisively determining unit.

Claim 20 (Currently Amended): The digital camera apparatus set forth in claim [[18]] 15, wherein said item informative datum selecting unit selects one of the plurality of the informative data of the items based on the content of the expression of the voices deciphered.

Claim 21 (Previously Presented): The digital camera apparatus set forth in claim 19, wherein said item informative datum selecting unit selects one of the plurality of the informative data of the items based on the content of the expression of the voices deciphered.

Claim 22 (Previously Presented): The digital camera apparatus set forth in claim 15, wherein said controller is further configured to effect on/off control of inputting of the voices with said microphone, and configured to control the on/off control of the inputting of the voices in conjunction with turning on/off operation of a specific key.

Claim 23 (Cancelled).

Claim 24 (Previously Presented): The digital camera apparatus set forth in claim 17, wherein said controller is further configured to effect on/off control of inputting of the voices with said microphone, and configured to control the on/off control of the inputting of the voices in conjunction with turning on/off operation of a specific key.

Claim 25 (Cancelled).

Claim 26 (Previously Presented): The digital camera apparatus set forth in claim 19, wherein said controller is further configured to effect on/off control of inputting of the voices with said microphone, and configured to control the on/off control of the inputting of the voices in conjunction with turning on/off operation of a specific key.

Claim 27 (Previously Presented): The digital camera apparatus set forth in claim 20, wherein said controller is further configured to effect on/off control of inputting of the voices with said microphone, and configured to control the on/off control of the inputting of the voices in conjunction with turning on/off operation of a specific key.

Claim 28 (Previously Presented): The digital camera apparatus set forth in claim 21, wherein said controller is further configured to effect on/off control of inputting of the voices with said microphone, and configured to control the on/off control of the inputting of the voices in conjunction with turning on/off operation of a specific key.

Claim 29 (Previously Presented): The digital camera apparatus according to claim 1, wherein the item informative data recorder records the at least one of the plurality of the informative data of the items into an Exif file for the image data.

Claim 30 (Previously Presented): The digital camera apparatus according to claim 15, wherein the controller is configured to record the at least one of the plurality of the informative data of the items into an Exif file for the image data.

Claim 31 (Currently Amended): A method for controlling a digital camera apparatus, the method comprising:

inputting voices through a microphone;

converting the voices into voice data;

analyzing a content of expression of the voice data;

comparing the analyzed content of the expression of the voice data with a plurality of informative data of items, the plurality of the informative data of the items to be used in classifying and arranging image data and being stored in a recorder as an information file;  
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extracting at least one of the plurality of the informative data of the items analogous to the content of the expression from the information file according to the comparison;

selecting one of the plurality of the informative data of the items when the plurality of the informative data of the items is being extracted;

determining the at least one of the plurality of the informative data of the items extracted; and

recording the determined at least one of the plurality of the informative data of the items.